PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE RECEIVED (Cas No. 01-057) CENTRAL FAX CENTER In the Application of: NOV 1 7 2003. Chevalier Examiner: U. Winkler Serial No.: 09/744,659 Group Art Unit: 1648 Filing Date: April 18, 2001 Confirmation No.: 3396 Trimer of HIV env For: **Gene Expression Product**

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 13, 2003

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003.

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